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SUBJ: QUITO MFM 5: SPEECHES IN GENERAL COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: THE GENERAL COMMITTEE HEARD SPEECHES ON SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10, FROM VENEZUELA, NICARAGUA, HONDURAS AND BOLIVIA. FONMIN SCHACHT STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE ABSENCE OF THE SECRETARY, BUT OTHERWISE THERE WERE NO SURPRISES. END SUMMARY.

2. VENEZUELA: FONMIN SCHACHT AGAIN STATED THE VENEZUELAN POSITION THAT THE SANCTIONS SHOULD BE LIFTED BECAUSE A) THEY ARE INEFFECTIVE, B) THEY ARE ANOMALOUS IN AN ERA OF DETENTE AND C) THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM MUST BE SAVED. HE PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY EXPRESSING "DISSATISFACTION" OVER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ABSENCE, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS QUOTE NOTORIOUS END QUOTE AND QUOTE WAS A DEPLORABLE EXAMPLE OF LITTLE INTEREST END QUOTE IN STRENGTHENING INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

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3. NICARAGUA: FONMIN MONTIEL SAID THE ONLY CONSIDERATION

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WAS WHETHER CUBA HAD CEASED TO POSE A THREAT TO THE HEMISPHERE AND CONCLUDED THAT IT STILL WAS. HOWEVER, WHILE NICARAGUA COULD NOT SUPPORT EITHER THE RESOLUTION OR THE REVERSE TWO-THIRDS OPTION, IT HAD DECIDED TO ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST.

4. HONDURAS: INTERIM FONMIN RICARDO PINEDA ANNOUNCED HONDURAS WOULD VOTE FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS BASED ON ITS FEELING THAT THE SANCTIONS WERE THREATENING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

5. BOLIVIA: FONMIN GUZMAN GAVE A SHORT SPEECH WHICH WAS DELPHIC, BUT AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OPTIMISTS TO SEE IN HIS REMARKS SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION. HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY STATE WHETHER BOLIVIA WOULD VOTE FOR, AGAINST, OR ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION, BUT SAID THAT QUOTE IT APPEARS THE HOUR HAS ARRIVED TO RENEW THE DECISION TO CONTINUE OUR JOINT MARCH END QUOTE.
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